

Copy of the letter No.5452/F1/76/Agri. dated 31-7-1976 from the Secretary to Government, to the Chief Conservator Forests, Trivandrum.

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Sub:- Forests – Working down timber and firewood from CPC IX and X Adoor in Kasargod Range.  
Correspondence ending with your letter No.C3-53032/75 dated 10-5-1976.

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I am to invite a reference to the letters cited. Government orders ratifying your action in having issued orders to arrange for the disposal of the tree growth except Teak and rose wood and firewood in the coupes on out-right sale basis and also ratifying the action of the Conservator of Forests, Kozhikode in having confirmed the sale of the three sub coupes in the names of the highest bidders have been issued separately.

In this connection I am to point out that your explanation for resorting to out right sale method for the coupes in question is far from satisfactory for the reasons that the time allowed was very short, that the coupe was tendered only once and that the department did not care to resort to a second tender especially when the excess quoted was only 9% above the basis rate and also when you have on several previous occasions recommended the acceptance of offers far above the departmental rates.

Government further note that the tendency to resort to supply-cum-sale contract system is on the increase for reasons of “planting the areas urgently to achieve plan target and also decline in the price of timber”.

In the instant case, case, even if there was no hope can getting a better offer you could have ordered the sale cum supply only after obtaining Government sanction. I am to request you to see that such practice is not resorted to in future before obtaining prior sanction of Government, strict instructions may be issued to your sub-ordinate also.

Sd/- N. Surendranathan,  
Under Secretary.

/True Copy/

Endt. on C3-47088/76 dt. 5-8-'76.

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Copy to C1, C2 and Superintendent for information.

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Sd/-

For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Endt. on CH.17224/76/L.Dis.dated 17-8-'76

Copy forwarded to all Divisional Forest Officers for information and attention.

Copy to all Contract Section, Copy to Stock File.

For Conservator of Forests.